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COUNTY ACCEPTS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Real Property Taxes and Pure Waters Charges Added to County's Credit Card Acceptance Policy

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that Monroe County will begin accepting credit cards for payment of real property taxes and pure water charges by April 2001.

"Offering alternative payment methods goes hand-in-hand with providing good customer service," said Doyle. "Since we began accepting credit cards for most transactions in 1999, we have been working on ways to legally accept payment of real property taxes and pure waters charges. This is sure to be another welcome convenience for Monroe County taxpayers."

Monroe County began accepting credit cards in May of 1999. The Office of the County Clerk and departments of Health, Transportation, and Parks were among the first to offer this convenience, with other departments that accepted cash payments for services rendered to soon follow. This payment option was made available for various fines, civil penalties, licenses and fees but excluded payment of real property taxes, penalties, interest and pure water charges due to Federal laws and credit card provider policies.

In addition to real property taxes and pure waters charges, County credit card transactions assist residents in paying for Travel Clinic services, lodge and shelter reservations, construction permits, index numbers and other fees.

The new measure for the County to accept credit card payments for real property taxes and pure water charges must be approved by the Monroe County Legislature. If approved by the County Legislature, this service will begin within the next several months.

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